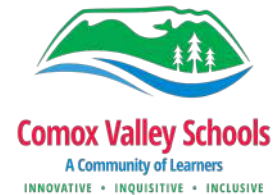


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### **New board chair for Comox Valley Schools**

**Comox Valley, B.C.** – Comox Valley Schools is pleased to announce Trustee Michelle Waite has been elected as Board Chair and Trustee Susan Leslie as Vice Chair for the next year. They will serve in their respective roles until October 2023.

Comox Valley Schools would like to thank outgoing Chair Tonia Frawley, Trustee Sheila McDonnell and Trustee Kat Hawksby for their work and steadfast dedication to our students.

The elections for Board Chair and Vice Chair took place at the November 29, 2022, Public Board Meeting, as required by [Policy 104: Board of Education – Meetings](#) and in accordance with [Policy 101: Board of Education – Role and Function](#) and Section 67(4) of the [School Act](#).

Trustee Janice Caton and Trustee Shannon Aldinger were declared BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Board representative and alternate, respectively.

In addition, Trustee Cristi May Sacht and Trustee Chelsea McCannel Keene were declared BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Board representative and alternate, respectively.

“I’m looking forward to continuing the progress of past Boards by working closely with fellow Trustees, the Superintendent, Senior Leadership and our many amazing partner groups here in the Comox Valley,” said Michelle Waite, Board Chair for Comox Valley Schools. “Students are front and centre of everything we do, and I am committed to doing all we can to provide inclusive learning environments that support our students in achieving success”

Trustee elections are held every four years, with the next occurring in October 2026.

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